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1. In 1952, the SAG Plant in Leuna is scheduled to process 120,000 tons of crude oil from Listersdorf and 140,000 tons of brown coal low-temperature tar. Only one coal chamber (Kohlenkammer) will be in operation for the distillation of brown coal low temperature tar in 1952. The restoration of the four existing coal chambers is planned for 1953. Each of these chambers has an annual capacity of 60,000 tons of low-temperature tar. With the existing centrifugal machines, up to 100,000 tons of tar can be processed per year. It is planned to install two additional tar centrifugal machines. Each centrifugal machine has an annual capacity of 20.000 tons.[1]

2. The Leuna Plant at present is processing crude oil. There are only small stocks of crude oil and therefore the Leuna Plant has requested that an additional 60,000 tons of crude oil be imported. However, as no exchange currency is available for such imports, the processing of residues is increasing. This has caused increased requirements for hydrogen which is already in short supply. The expansion of the hydrogen installation is therefore being accelerated.

3. In 1953, the Leuna Plant is scheduled to process about 500,000 tons per year, including 120,000 tons of crude oil and 380,000 tons of brown coal low-temperature tar, yielding from 75 to 85 percent of finished products; i. e, gasoline and Diesel fuel. Up to 60 percent of this production could be processed as Diesel fuel.[2]

1. [redacted] Comment. The 260,000 tons of crude oil and brown coal low-temperature tar scheduled to be processed in 1952 would yield a total of 208,000 tons of gasoline and Diesel fuel, if an average production rate of 80 percent is assumed. In 1952, the plant is scheduled to produce 180,000 tons of gasoline. The reported 1953 schedule of 500,000 tons of crude oil and low-temperature tar to be processed in the plant appears to be unusually high. It would mean that about 400,000 tons of gasoline and Diesel fuel would be produced in the Leuna Plant in 1953.

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